Lancaster Central School District

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Dear Staff and Parents of Central Avenue Elementary School,

Chapter 296 of the Laws of 2016 enacted amendments to NYS Public Health Law, requiring school districts to test all potable water outlets for lead contamination in 2016, 2020, and every five years thereafter. Districts are also required to remediate contamination where found and to notify parents of children and the public of test results.

In accordance with the law and regulation, the Lancaster Central School District hired Stohl Environmental to complete the 2020 water testing requirement in all District buildings. Water testing for Central Avenue Elementary was completed on October 24, 2020 and we recently received results. Of the 43 samples taken, 35 were found to be satisfactory. The remaining 8 outlets were deemed to exceed the action level of 15 parts per billion.

We have taken immediate action to take water sources that exceeded the threshold of 15 parts per billion out of service or they have been marked with appropriate signage for individuals to know that those sources should not be used for drinking water. These water outlets will be remediated and then retested. Only when outlets have been retested and successful remediation has been confirmed, will they be placed back into service.

The outlets that have been identified as needing action are:

Classroom sinks: rooms 119, 131, 135
Bathroom sinks: womens lav across from 131 (2), mens lav across from 131 (2), boys lav main entrance

The results from testing from Central Avenue and all District buildings, are available at the District's Website at www.lancasterschools.org/drinking_water_safety.

Please be assured that the health and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors to our facilities are our highest priority and that we are being proactive in assessing all district buildings to ensure that these standards are being met. If any remediation is found to be necessary, it will be swift and comprehensive.

We will keep you up to date with any additional information via our website.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Vallely, Ph.D.
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